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SLED CHARGES LEXINGTON COUNTY MAN WITH VEHICLE FRAUD

The South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED) charged Richard J. Washington, 40, with 4 counts of Breach of Trust with Fraudulent Intent value \$10,000 or more, and 2 counts of Forgery value \$10,000 or more on Tuesday, November 5, 2024. The SLED investigation was requested by the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles.

Details can be found in the attached warrants.

Washington was booked into the Lexington County Detention Center.

The case will be prosecuted by the 11th Circuit Solicitor's Office.

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A3210800108

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

Richard J Washington

Address:

Lexington, SC 29072-6404

Phone: _____ SSN: _____

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 190DL State: SC DL #: _____DOB: 1984 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement DivisionProsecuting Officer: Charley S Caltrider - S00214Offense: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent,
value \$10,000 or moreOffense Code: 3424Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0230(A)This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused

is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: _____

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Richard Washington
on November 5, 2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Charley S Caltrider whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Richard J Washingtondid within this county and state on or about 10/27/2023 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or moreI further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That on or about October 27, 2023, in the county of Lexington, one Richard J. Washington, did commit the crime of Breach of Trust
value \$10,000.00 or more in that he sold a 2014 Cadillac CTS VIN#: _____ to _____ for \$14,795.00.
Washington had previously arranged to purchase the vehicle from _____ however, Washington failed to make the payment as
agreed to _____ for the vehicle. Therefore, Washington did defraud _____ when acting as the rightful owner of the vehicle when
the transaction occurred. This warrant is based on SLED investigation 56-24-0096.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone _____

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 10/27/2023 defendant Richard J Washingtondid violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or moreHaving found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or
her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as
soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before meon 9/6/2024

(L.S.)

Signature of Issuing Judge

Bradley Stewart Melton

Judge Code: 7321Judge's Address 139 East Main Street, Suite BLexington, SC 29072-Judge's Telephone (803)785-2594Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A3210800109

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

Richard J Washington

Address:

Lexington, SC 29072-6404

Phone: SSN:

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #:

DOB: 1984 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Charley S Caltrider - S00214

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent,
value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3424

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0230(A)

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☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to

defendant Richard Washington
on November 8, 2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Charley S Caltrider who
being duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Richard J Washington
did within this county and state on or about 10/25/2023 violate the criminal laws of the
State of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington)
in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That on or about October 25, 2023, in the county of Lexington, one Richard J. Washington, did commit the crime of Breach of Trust
value \$10,000.00 or more in that he sold a 2014 Lexus ES350 VIN# to for
\$19,000.00. Washington had previously arranged to purchase the vehicle from however, Washington failed to make
the payment as agreed to for the vehicle. Therefore, Washington did defraud when acting as the rightful owner of
the vehicle when the transaction occurred. This warrant is based on SLED investigation 56-24-0096.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 10/25/2023 defendant Richard J Washington

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of
☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or
her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as
soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 9/6/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Bradley Stewart Melton

Judge Code: 7321

(L.S.)

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Lexington, SC 29072-

Judge's Telephone (803)785-2594

Issuing Court: ☒ Magistrate ☐ Municipal ☐ Circuit

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A3210800110

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE
against

Richard J Washington

Address: [REDACTED]

Lexington, SC 29072-6404

Phone: [REDACTED] SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: [REDACTED] Height: 5 11 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1984 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Charley S Caltrider - S00214

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent,
value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3424

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0230(A)

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is to be arrested and brought before me to be
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(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date: [REDACTED]

RETURN

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defendant Richard Washington
on November 5, 2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Charley S Caltrider whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Richard J Washingtondid within this county and state on or about 8/10/2023 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That on or about August 10, 2023, in the county of Lexington, one Richard J. Washington, did commit the crime of Breach of Trust
with fraudulent intent value \$10,000.00 or more in that he agreed to purchase a 2014 Cadillac CTS VIN#: [REDACTED]
for \$12,270.00, from [REDACTED] Washington never paid [REDACTED] for the
vehicle. Washington sold the vehicle to [REDACTED] on October 27, 2023. This warrant is based on SLED investigation
56-24-0096.

Signature of Affiant

C. S. Caltrider

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone [REDACTED]

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 8/10/2023 defendant Richard J Washington

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or
her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as
soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before meon 9/6/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Bradley Stewart Melton

Judge Code: 7321

(L.S.)

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A3210800111

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

Richard J Washington

Address:

Lexington, SC 29072-6404

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: Height: 5 11 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1984 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Charley S Caltrider - S00214

Offense: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent,
value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3424

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0230(A)

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☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Richard Washington
on November 9, 2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That on or about October 25, 2023, in the county of Lexington, one Richard J. Washington., did commit the crime of Breach of trust
with fraudulent intent value \$10,000.00 or more in that he agreed to purchase a 2014 Lexus ES350 VIN#: [REDACTED]
for \$18,675.00, from [REDACTED] Washington never paid [REDACTED] for the
vehicle. Washington sold the vehicle to a customer of his business, Oak Grove Automotive. This warrant is based on SLED
investigation 56-24-0096.

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 10/25/2023 defendant Richard J Washington

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Breach / Breach of trust with fraudulent intent, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or
her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as
soon thereafter as is practicable

Sworn to and subscribed before me

on 9/6/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Bradley Stewart Melton

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ARREST WARRANT

2024A3210800112

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE

against

Richard J Washington

Address:

Lexington, SC 29072-6404

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1984 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Charley S Caltrider - S00214

Offense: Forgery / Forgery, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3437

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0010(A)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality of

The accused is to be arrested and brought before me to be dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to defendant Richard Washington on November 5, 2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
Mark H. Westbrook Judicial Center
205 East Main Street
Lexington, SC 29072

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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Personally appeared before me the affiant Charley S Caltrider whobeing duly sworn deposes and says that defendant Richard J Washingtondid within this county and state on or about 12/ 6/2023 violate the criminal laws of theState of South Carolina (or ordinance of ☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington)

in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:

That on or about December 6, 2023, in the county of Lexington, one Richard J. Washington did commit the crime of Forgery when he provided fraudulent documents for proof of payment of a 2014 Lexus ES350 VIN# [REDACTED] Washington provided the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles dealer agent a counterfeit copy of a check because he never had proof of payment from [REDACTED] for the vehicle. This warrant is based on SLED investigation 56-24-0096 copy of the check is over \$10,000

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398
Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 12/ 6/2023 defendant Richard J Washington

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of Lexington) as set forth below:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, value \$10,000 or more

Having found probable cause and the above affiant having sworn before me, you are empowered and directed to arrest the said defendant and bring him or her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as soon thereafter as is practicable
Sworn to and subscribed before meon 9/ 6/2024

Signature of Issuing Judge

Bradley Stewart Melton

Judge Code: 7321Judge's Address 139 East Main Street, Suite B
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ARREST WARRANT

2024A3210800113

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

THE STATE
against

Richard J Washington

Address:

Lexington, SC 29072-6404

Phone: SSN: [REDACTED]

Sex: M Race: B Height: 5 11 Weight: 190

DL State: SC DL #: [REDACTED]

DOB: [REDACTED] 1984 Agency ORI #: SCLED0000

Prosecuting Agency: State Law Enforcement Division

Prosecuting Officer: Charley S Caltrider - S00214

Offense: Forgery / Forgery, value \$10,000 or more

Offense Code: 3437

Code/Ordinance Sec: 16-13-0010(A)

This warrant is CERTIFIED FOR SERVICE in the

☐ County/ ☐ Municipality ofThe accused
is to be arrested and brought before me to be
dealt with according to the law.

(L.S.)

Signature of Judge

Date:

RETURN

A copy of this arrest warrant was delivered to
defendant Richard Washington
on November 5, 2024

Signature of Constable/Law Enforcement Officer

RETURN WARRANT TO:

General Sessions
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☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

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in the following particulars:

DESCRIPTION OF OFFENSE: Forgery / Forgery, value \$10,000 or more

I further state that there is probable cause to believe that the defendant named above did commit
the crime set forth and that probable cause is based on the following facts:That on or about December 6, 2023, in the county of Lexington, one Richard J. Washington did commit the crime of Forgery when
he provided fraudulent documents for proof of payment of a 2014 Cadillac CTS VIN#: [REDACTED] Washington
provided the South Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles dealer agent a counterfeit copy of a check because he never had proof of
payment from [REDACTED] for the vehicle. This warrant is based on SLED investigation 56-24-0096. *Vehicle is valued
at over 10,000.00*

Signature of Affiant

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

☒ County/ ☐ Municipality of

Lexington

Affiant's Address P. O. Box 21398Columbia, SC 29221-

Affiant's Telephone

ARREST WARRANT

TO ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OF THIS STATE OR MUNICIPALITY OR ANY CONSTABLE OF THIS COUNTY:

It appearing from the above affidavit that there are reasonable grounds to believe that

on or about 12/ 6/2023 defendant Richard J Washington

did violate the criminal laws of the State of South Carolina (or ordinance of

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her before me forthwith to be dealt with according to law. A copy of this Arrest Warrant shall be delivered to the defendant at the time of its execution, or as
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Judge Code: 7321

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